



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1111

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hurricanes Irene, Milton and Helene substantially damaged the City of Cedar Key and Otter Creek's drinking water supply. This appropriations funding request relocates the drinking water facility off of the island and provides a water transmission system to address potable water quality needs, providing relief to residents a more reliable safe drinking water supply.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,789,783
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,789,783</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,789,783	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>5,789,783</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

There is no other funding available because there are no State grants for potable water infrastructure. This rural economically disadvantaged community formed a regional cooperative to construct and operate necessary potable water infrastructure to protect public health.

**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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**10. Status of Construction**

**a. What is the current phase of the project?**

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

**b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?** No

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 7/1/2027

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 7/31/2030

**e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?**

The funding stream that will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the W3C regional potable water infrastructure is the utility rates cooperative members pay for the delivery of wholesale potable water.

**11. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Cooperative is the potable water facility and distribution system owner to directly receive the fixed capital outlay funding. The wholesale entity, the W3C, is comprised of members and includes the Cedar Key Water and Sewer District, Town of Otter Creek and Town of Bronson.

**12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contracted professional services include survey, geotech and endangered species data collection to inform engineering design. This spending category also includes 100% engineering design and permitting services for the regional drinking water facility and distribution system.	5,789,783
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,789,783</b>

**13. Program Performance**

**a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?**

The purpose of this appropriations funding is to build a drinking water plant and potable water distribution system to provide reliably safe drinking water to Cedar Key, Bronson, and Otter Creek.



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**b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**

Geotechnical borings, environmental documentation, professional survey, civil engineering plans for drinking water facility and 32 miles of water transmission line.

**c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?**

The direct service being provided to citizens of Cedar Key, Towns of Otter Creek and Bronson and surrounding areas is reliable safe drinking water.

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

The target population served by this project include Rosewood/Sumner and University Oaks as well as Bronson, Otter Creek, and Cedar Key including a estimated, normalized Cedar Key tourist population (assuming Friday to Sunday occupancy at twice permanent population, normalized on an annual basis) for the planning period 2025-2070. There is an expected 4,241 individuals that will be served by this potable water project.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

The benefit of this project will be safe reliable drinking water for over 4,000 people within the W3C service in Levy County. The outcome will be measured by the volume of water delivered annually to the members of the W3C.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?**

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  No  Yes

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

Irene, Milton and Helene

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**



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**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

Florida Commerce

**Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.**

**17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?**

- Water Quality Improvement Grant Program
- Resilient Florida Grant Program
- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
- N/A

**18. What is the population economic status?**

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

**19. What is the status of construction?**

Begin July 2027

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

0%

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

07/30/2030



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**22. Requester Contact Information**

a. **First Name**  **Last Name**

b. **Organization**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**23. Recipient Contact Information**

a. **Organization**

b. **Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Special District

d. **First Name**  **Last Name**

e. **E-mail Address**

f. **Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**24. Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**

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